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The juice of the apple, however, cannot always be relied on to make people good.

How can anyone be sure, under existing conditions, that it is time to take his spring medicine?

But even without taking the oath of office and filing a bond, Mr. Harms is a well-qualified chemist.

This changeable weather disturbs various business calculations, especially of those who play marbles.

Is the street car company going to daily along until the storms are all over before bringing out its open cars?

That Salt Lake should have more sidewalks is conceded by everybody who would not have to pay for them.

The cruising of the Vladivostok fleet after Jap warships has been very successful so far, it not having yet found any.

Evidently there is to be enough mud this spring, after all, to land passengers in, to suit the most fun-loving street car crew.

In providing so many kinds of weather our professor of meteorology certainly shows an obliging disposition to suit all tastes.

Professor Hyatt is entirely justified in believing that there is a strong demand here for storm scenes, people having liked them so well at the theaters last week.

It is only fair to remind your wife that everything points to a rainy Easter this year, so that she may not be in such a hurry about her millinery arrangements.

If apple-eating makes people good, will reform workers show their sincerity by sending around to any evildoer they are interested in, a box or two of nice pippins?

The prison at Seoul is being made a veritable slaughter-pen. Six prisoners beheaded and thirty-eight hanged in three nights is a frightful record; and the worst of it is that the condemned men are coming in by tens and twenties, for more decapitations and hangings. Korea is catching up on long arc.

That member of the Japanese Consulate who reported that the purpose of Japan in this war is to restore Manchuria to China, drive the Russians north of the Amoor, and Japanese Korea, was certainly not limited in his ambitions. He no doubt expresses the natural aspiration of his people, but it is certainly a big contract.

The Tribune has received from Charles Cobb of Overton, Lincoln county, Nevada, on the Muddy, a twig of an apricot tree, with a bunch of apricots on it something larger than buckshot, which look mighty good to an inhabitant of this comparatively boreal region. It is good to live in the hot lands in early spring; but in the summer, those who belong there are glad to fly to the hills.

It is not easy to credit the report that Tillman, the murderer of Editor Gonzales at Columbia, is seriously a candidate for Congress. South Carolina is a bloody State, being credited with 222 man-killing in 1903, but it is scarcely possible that the people of any Congressional district that State can give their indorsement to one of these as a fit man to sit in the Congress of the United States.

A Japanese resident of this city has favored The Tribune with some translations from "The Shinaiichi" of Nagaya, Japan, which, while not conveying any news not heretofore sent by wire, discloses a patriotic unanimity among the inhabitants of the Island Empire which is ominous for Russia. It shows that everybody is anxious to take the war bonds; the royal family has taken twenty millions of them, and all the banks bid for them. It mentions a Turkish officer who is anxious to fight for Japan, but cannot be taken into the

army, as all foreigners are excluded; he will join the Red Cross. Editorially, the paper explains that Japan was forced to fight Russia for self-protection and on account of the barbarities and outrages committed by Russians in Manchuria, Japan "desires to punish them as enemies to civilization." A complete turning of the tables there, neatly done, and well deserved.

### THE MATTER OF INSURANCE.

Some little time ago The Tribune protested against the raise in insurance rates in this city, and had some controversy with the Insurance Press on the subject, the table presented by that paper being manifestly unfair to this city, in lumping it in indiscriminately with the whole State.

Last Friday we made some further suggestions on this subject, which have drawn forth a comment by Lewis B. Rogers, Esq., an insurance expert, which no doubt he is. He seems to imagine that we object to the commissions paid to the insurance agents, but nothing was further from our thoughts than this, for we are glad to see them get as much as they can from the companies they represent. What they get is in some degree a compensation for the large amounts of local money paid to insurance companies in the East and abroad. So far from wishing to cut down these receipts of the agents, we would rather see them get more than less.

Another thing Mr. Rogers objects to is the idea of insurance by the State; and he cites the loss by the State of Wisconsin of its capital, involving an amount of \$800,000, with but \$6000 in its insurance fund, the case presenting a net loss of \$794,000 to be charged off to "experience fund."

But whether that is an argument against the State insuring its buildings depends on how you look at it. The State only began last year the policy of not insuring its public buildings. If it had begun that policy, say, when the State was organized, and applied it to all of its public buildings, putting the premiums into an insurance fund, does any one doubt that the State would now have a handsome sum to the good, even after meeting the loss of the capitol fire?

It is a plain case, therefore, that so far as this citation goes, the error may not have been in the new policy adopted but in not having adopted it soon enough. A mere casualty such as occurred is not a determining factor in the settlement of a policy which must take many years to prove its advantage or not.

Mr. Rogers objects to the suggestion of the State carrying the insurance risks, and especially to the basis of values tentatively suggested, of two-thirds of the assessed value, for the amount of the insurance policy. He thinks that this would be inadequate. Very likely he is right about this; the suggestion was made not as a finality, but only experimentally; this part of the business is but a detail, anyway. Whatever system of insurance were adopted would have to be on fair and sound business principles, and if that basis should prove inadequate, another would have to be taken. But we should like to have the general question of insurance by the State discussed by the experts on its merits, and not put by as impractical because some experimental detail is not approved.

Mr. Rogers seems to endorse the idea of keeping the insurance money at home, which was our plan. He says: "If you must keep your fire insurance money at home, do it right." That sentiment we approve, most heartily. Whatever is done should be done well, and it cannot be done well and to the mutual advantage of all concerned, unless it is done right.

It is certainly true that there are large sums of money sent abroad for fire insurance premiums. It is certain, also, that the large companies have accumulated immense surpluses out of the revenues created by the sums thus paid by Utah and other communities. The object we have in mind is to ascertain if our part of that money cannot be more advantageously kept at home; and to that point, as well as to the question of how best it can be done, we invite discussion.

The Tribune has received from The Castle, Dublin, an appeal from Lady Dudley in behalf of the fund for the establishment of district nurses in the poorest parts of Ireland. In many parts of Ireland, no provision is made for nursing the sick poor in their own homes; a tax for the purpose would add to the burdens of an already overburdened people. The only relief must be from voluntary subscriptions. During the past year sufficient money was collected to establish and endow eight public nurses, all of whom will soon be at work. But applications for aid come in constantly, and in some cases the need is extreme. The appeal is made to the Irish people in America especially. Donations may be sent to Lady Rachel Dudley personally, or to the secretary, the Bank of Ireland, marked, "Lady Dudley's Fund for District Nurses."

A Russian report is that what the British are after in Tibet is gold; that Tibet is in fact a second California. This is envy and malice combined; for Russian agents have been active in Tibet for the past four years, and the czar's gorgeous presents to the Dalai Lama, a whole camel caravan of them, are not forgotten. But in no part of the Russian reports was there the slightest reference to any mines, whether of gold or any other metal. The Russians were preparing to exploit that country for political purposes, and are chagrined that they cannot pursue their policy, being otherwise

fully occupied. But they can make up their minds to one thing as an absolute fact; that if there are rich gold mines in Tibet, and the British find them, then British sovereignty there is already as good as assured.

### COLORADO'S DISTURBANCES.

It is certainly to be hoped that the troubles in Colorado may take on a form much modified from recent occurrences. Running men out of town, warning them not to come back, many of them being good and reputable citizens, is bad work. And still worse is the prospect of fighting to keep men out of town or to force men's way into town.

Surely there must be some public authority to regulate matters of this kind, and prevent the savage antagonisms of the different classes or sympathizers taking the form of battle and bloody reprisals. It is a reproach to the State to have these things even probable, much more to have them occur.

Governor Peabody won the respect of the business and industrial capital of the State by his energetic moves when the destruction of the mines at Cripple Creek and Telluride was threatened, though he marred his action somewhat by the uncertainty of the wording of his proclamations. Still, on the whole, he did well.

But the withdrawal of the militia was followed by sharp conflicts, which showed either that their work was not thorough, or else that there was a new set of disturbances of even more acute antagonism than had existed at the first.

It is good to see that Governor Peabody gives assurance that armed men will not be allowed to march about the State, terrorizing the people, or invading towns. This it is his plain duty to do, and it is encouraging so see that he is alive to it.

As the dispatches read, our neighboring State seems to be falling into a condition of chaos. It can hardly be so bad as that, but it is certainly injurious to the State to have such an impression get out.

### SCHURMAN ON RACE DETERIORATION.

President J. G. Schurman of Cornell says that tiger is still in the blood of the American. That is what the Spanish forces in Cuba thought in the late war; it is what Aguirre thought, and his erstwhile following; and the Americans lost nothing by that opinion. A little of the tiger is not a bad thing at times, though it won't do to let the tiger get beyond control.

While thus the tiger in the blood is good (or at least it is good for an enemy to think it is there), it is not good to have this tiger manifested to our own detriment nor to have it destroy our own safeguards or institutions. It is not good to have a tigerish lawlessness, that leads to lynchings; the courts must be respected, and their decrees respected. Tiger in the blood is no excuse for lawlessness, nor for the awful crimes and atrocities that grow out of lynchings.

It is not good to have a tigerish treachery in the blood, which causes the doing of things expressly forbidden by law and decent American sentiment, to say nothing of the lawlessness being a positive violation of good faith.

It is not good to have the predatory tigerish traits of the get-rich-quick schemer, who betrays his own conscience as well as those who confide in him. And many more things are not good, which have this same tigerish brand upon them.

President Schurman, we think, is quite right in saying that he does not think the deterioration of American society and sentiment is due to the non-teaching of religion in the public schools, nor to the immigration to our shores, though we believe that the latter has had some unfavorable influence.

He thinks, on the contrary, that there is a certain race deterioration about it, which may be true. If so, one of two things must follow: either that the standard which he is measuring by is out of true, or else that there has been a change from some obscure cause which he has not indicated.

Let us help him a little. Is it not from the relaxation of parental authority and the growing up of boys in comparative idleness, with their wild tendencies less restricted than formerly, and their drifting into recklessness and disregard of the ties that bind our society in proper limitations, and of the rights of the public and of their neighbors?

We believe that this condition is so general as to have had an appreciable effect on our public life; that it is the cause of more race deterioration than any other one cause that can be named.

We have called attention heretofore to this evil here in this city. It is seen more or less in the mirror of the settlements of the State, as held up by our exchanges. We see it elsewhere, all over the country in fact; and it is high time that the old-fashioned parental vigor and discipline were again called into play to stop this cause of "race deterioration."

No more pitiable object has been seen for a long time than Bristow in his twistings, turnings and evasions in his testimony before the special committee which is investigating his charges against members of the House of Representatives. He alleged grave misdemeanors and dishonorable conduct against Representatives, but he puts in the claim that his language was always respectful, and it is wrong to charge him with abusing them or his position and privileges! A rare bird is Bristow, of the sort that fouls its own nest, and then scraping the offal into other nests, cries out, "Behold how clean I am, and how filthy are those other chaps!"

### ASPHALT FROM SUGAR BEETS.

From the Detroit Journal.  
They now make cattle feed and alcohol in quantities to astonish a Kentucky distiller and several other minor by-products from the residue left after the white sugar has been extracted from the Michigan sugar beet, and now it is proposed to utilize it in the manufacture of a new variety of asphalt pavement.

At one stage of the progress which the dirty, wrinkled beetle makes from one end of the long factory buildings to the empty XXX sugar barrels waiting at the other, they are mixed with a preparation of lime. This lime permeated with other substances is, of course, later extracted, and heretofore this form of residue has chiefly been used as a fertilizer, when used at all. According to the esteemed Alma Record, however, it has now been found that when this residue, consisting of lime and other things, is mixed with a certain other residue remaining from the distillation of petroleum, an asphaltic preparation is formed adapted to a variety of purposes. Some day they'll be making duststuffs and sleeping potions and axlegrease and cure cures from sugar beet residue—in short, almost as many by-products as are now made from coal tar and other things remaining after the manufacture of illuminating gas.

### SPICE.

First Little Girl—My father is an editor; what does yours do?  
Second Little Girl—Whatever mamma tells him—Glasgow Evening Times.

"Tell me," she asked, after she had accepted him, "am I really your first and last love?"  
"Well—er—no, dear," replied the drug clerk, "but you are something just as good."—Philadelphia Press.

"Did Jerrold get anything out of his rich uncle's estate?"  
"Well, rather; he married the daughter of the attorney for the estate."—Puck.

Dyer—Higbee and his wife are very devoted.  
Duell—To whom?—Life.

Hungry Hawkins—Do yer mean ter say yer got a square meal out o' dat sour woman?  
Diplomatic Mike—Sure!

Hungry Hawkins—Well, yer a wonder! How'd yer do it?  
Diplomatic Mike—When she opened de door, sez 'is yer mother at home, Miss'—Philadelphia Press.

Passenger—I want to thank the motor-man, through you, for stopping this car to let me on.  
Conductor—Oh, he only did it for a joke. We only go another block.—Judge.

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